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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XA, OAU

SUBJECT: LOS - OAU AND AFRICAN POSITIONS

REF: STATE 73822, STATE 87006, YAOUNDE 15 51

1. IN MEETING WITH FONMIN EFON MAY 12 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, DCM AND I TOOK OPPORTUNITY BRIEFLY TO BRING UP LOS. WE MENTIONED USG HOPE THAT AFRICAN STATES WILL MAINTAIN FLEXIBILITY AND NOT RPT NOT EMERGE FROM UPCOMING OAU MEETINGS LOCKED INTO BLOC POSITION THAT MAY HINDER CHANCES OF SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS ON WHOLE RANGE OF COMPLEX LOS ISSUES. WE SPECIFICALLY STRESSED DEEP U . S . CONCERN OVER MAINTAINING ESSENTIAL RIGHTS OF NAVIGATION THRU STRAITS AND SPOKE OF PROPOSED RIGHT OF FREE TRANSIT AND INSUFFICIENCY OF APPLICATION OF INNOCENT PASSAGE IN STRAITS IN SITUATION WHERE TERRITORIAL SEA MIGHT BE BROADENED TO 12 NAUTICAL MILES.

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2. EFON AGREED ABOUT COMPLEXITY OF LOS ISSUES AND NEED FOR AGREEMENTS THAT MEET IMPORTANT NEEDS. HIS THOUGHTS OBVIOUSLY WERE FOCUSED MORE ON ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF LDC'S, THAN ON NAVIGATION THROUGH STRAITS. NOT SURPRISINGLY, HIS REMARKS WERE GENERAL AND NON-COMMENTAL.

3. EFON MENTIONED THAT PAUL ENGO WOULD BE PLAYING LEADING ROLE WITHIN GURC IN LOS MATTERS AS HE TOOK UP NEW DUTIES IN FONMIN.

4. COMMENT: BELIEVE MEETING WAS MODERATELY USEFUL IN ALERTING EFON, FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH AT OAU MEETINGS, TO DEPTH OF USG CONCERN. EMBASSY WILL DISCUSS SUBJECT MORE SUBSTANTIVELY WITH ENGO ASAP.  
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